
HOUSE BILL No. 1325

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-44-2-2; IC 35-47-4.5-4.

Synopsis: False complaints against police. Provides that making a false complaint against a law enforcement officer is a Class B misdemeanor. Makes pointing a laser pointer at a state police motor carrier inspector a Class B misdemeanor.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 14, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-44-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2002,
2 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "consumer product"
4 has the meaning set forth in IC 35-45-8-1.

5 (b) A person who reports, by telephone, telegraph, mail, or other
6 written or oral communication, that:

7 (1) the person or another person has placed or intends to place an
8 explosive, a destructive device, or other destructive substance in
9 a building or transportation facility;

10 (2) there has been or there will be tampering with a consumer
11 product introduced into commerce; or

12 (3) there has been or will be placed or introduced a weapon of
13 mass destruction in a building or a place of assembly;
14 knowing the report to be false commits false reporting, a Class D
15 felony.

16 (c) A person who:

17 (1) gives a false report of the commission of a crime or gives false



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information in the official investigation of the commission of a crime, knowing the report or information to be false;

(2) gives a false alarm of fire to the fire department of a governmental entity, knowing the alarm to be false;

(3) makes a false request for ambulance service to an ambulance service provider, knowing the request to be false; ~~or~~

(4) gives a false report concerning a missing child (as defined in IC 10-1-7-2) or gives false information in the official investigation of a missing child knowing the report or information to be false; **or**

(5) makes a complaint against a law enforcement officer to the state or municipality (as defined in IC 8-1-13-3) that employs the officer:

(A) alleging the officer engaged in misconduct while performing the officer's duties; and

(B) knowing the complaint to be false;

commits false informing, a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if it substantially hinders any law enforcement process or if it results in harm to an innocent person.

SECTION 2. IC 35-47-4.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.70-2000, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. A person who knowingly or intentionally directs light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation that is visible to the human eye or any other electromagnetic radiation from a laser pointer at a public safety officer **or a state police motor carrier inspector** without the consent of the public safety officer **or state police motor carrier inspector** commits a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] **IC 35-44-2-2 and IC 35-47-4.5-4, both as amended by this act, apply only to offenses committed after June 30, 2003.**

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